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In re Application of:

Before the Examiner:

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Todd, Gregory

Serial No.: 09/438,436

Group Art Unit: 2157

Filed: November 12, 1999

IBM Corporation

Title: AN APPARATUS FOR

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THE METHOD THEREFOR

Austin, Texas 78758

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 and M.P.E.P. §608.02, Applicants respectfully request that the changes shown in red to the attached drawings (Figures 1, 3A, 3C, 3D, 4, 5) be approved by the Examiner in the above-identified application.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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Transmitted herewith is a Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111, Request for Approval of Drawing Changes, Red-Marked Figures (Figures 1, 3A, 3C, 3D, 4, 5) and acknowledgment postcard for the above-identified Application.

- No additional fee is required.
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 - Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.
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